

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



*Planting/Harvesting

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RELEASED: October 9, 2000 3:00 p.m. - Temperatures were above normal the first half of the week. A strong cold front brought Northwestern and Northeastern sections their first freezes of the season. Rainfall was scattered around the state. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 22 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 37 percent adequate.

CROPS: Wheat planting and ground preparation was in full swing. Rice, soybean, and cotton harvest continued with corn and sorghum harvests near completion. Cool season crops such as wheat, ryegrass, and oats were being planted.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were in fair condition. Farmers were weaning calves. Pasture conditions across the state were improving, with overseeding and fertilizing in full swing. Selling-off of some cows and light calves continued due to lack of forage and supplemental feeding of hay was reported in many counties. Cattle were still being treated for flies and external parasites.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Mature	100	99	100	99					
Harvested	95	93	98	92					
WHEAT									
Planted	6	2	7	8					
COTTON					4	18	38	34	6
Opening Bolls	98	96	97	95					
Harvest	53	34	57	36					
SOYBEANS					17	23	31	23	6
Shedding	75	63	57	51					
Mature	50	34	na	na					
Harvest	30	19	28	20					
RICE									
Ripe	99	98	na	na					
Harvest	89	77	91	87					
CORN									
Harvest	99	98	99	98					
ALFALFA					8	18	70	4	0
OTH. HAY					23	45	27	5	0
PASTURE					26	48	22	4	0

1/Many reports are received on Friday and may not reflect conditional changes due to weekend weather.

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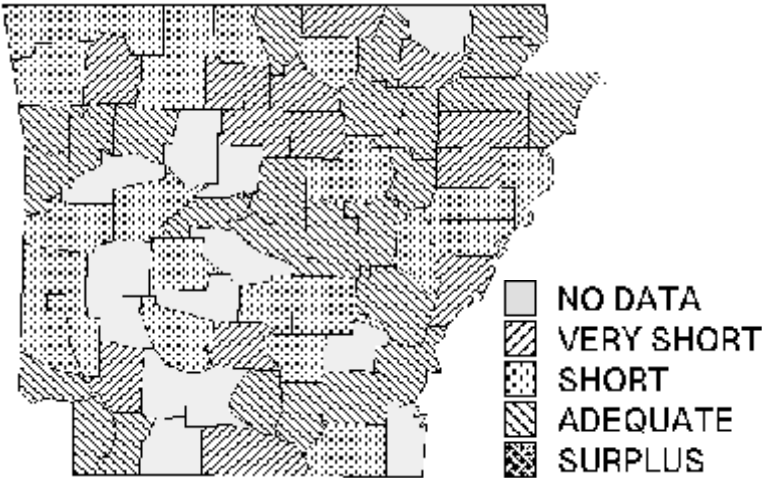
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 8, 2000. Temperatures were above normal for the first half of the week. A strong cold front made its way through the state Thursday night bringing much needed rainfall. Unseasonably cold air followed the front bringing freezing levels in many locations during the weekend. The high temperature of 94^o was reported at Fort Smith. The low of 25^o was reported at Gilbert. Precipitation ranged from no precipitation at Marianna to 1.90 inches reported at Ozark.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING October 8, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING OCT 08	CURRENT OCTOBER ACCUM.	OCTOBER NORMAL	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER	
							2000	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	87	31	-3	0.54	0.54	3.21	30.71	32.97
Harrison	87	28	-2	0.27	0.27	3.11	27.40	33.41
2 Calico Rock	90	29	0	1.06	1.06	3.10	28.78	33.06
Evening Shade				na	0.00	2.54	0.00	34.57
Gilbert	93	25	-1	0.44	0.44	2.96	26.15	32.04
Greers Ferry	89	33	0	1.10	1.10	2.83	28.25	37.97
Mountain Home	88	30	-3	0.80	0.80	2.88	27.88	32.15
3 Batesville	88	33	-2	1.15	1.15	2.74	23.12	35.92
Black Rock				na	0.00	2.52	0.00	35.36
Georgetown				na	0.00	2.46	0.00	38.00
Jonesboro	89	33	-2	1.18	1.18	2.66	25.64	36.32
Keiser	91	30	0	0.87	0.87	2.54	29.90	38.04
Newport	89	35	-1	1.06	1.06	2.67	24.04	38.38
4 Booneville	92	35	na	0.61	0.61	na	22.97	na
Clarksville	90	35	0	1.40	1.40	3.33	25.41	33.94
Dardanelle	91	35	0	0.91	0.91	3.49	22.97	34.95
Ft. Smith	94	37	1	0.77	0.77	3.68	21.24	30.20
Mena	87	35	-3	0.24	0.24	4.26	30.86	39.76
Ozark	90	34	-2	1.90	1.90	3.32	26.61	32.88
5 Hot Springs	91	35	-2	0.42	0.42	3.36	32.52	42.75
N Little Rock	91	35	1	0.66	0.66	3.62	26.90	35.78
6 Augusta				na	0.00	2.40	0.00	37.67
Marianna	90	35	-1	0.00	0.00	2.95	23.80	38.73
Stuttgart	92	43	-1	1.20	1.20	2.71	27.22	37.05
7 Hope	86	36	-4	0.92	0.92	3.29	28.77	39.41
8 Camden	89	36	-4	1.13	1.13	2.77	31.04	38.38
El Dorado	91	36	-1	0.85	0.85	2.96	33.08	37.96
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	2.59	0.00	39.77
Eudora	91	37	3	1.61	1.61	2.61	38.75	40.26
Pine Bluff	90	36	-5	0.89	0.89	3.17	26.53	38.26
Rohwer	91	34	-1	0.87	0.87	2.72	33.96	39.63

na = data not available

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